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SUBJECT: S AND T SUBCOMMITTEE: SWEDISH PROPOSAL FOR
SECRETARIAT STUDY GROUP

REF: (A) STATE 36708; (B) USUN 517; (C) DOYLE/MACUK TELCON

1. AS OUTLINED IN INSTRUCTIONS TO DEL, U.S. WOULD BE
PREPARED TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR AND ENCOURAGE THE CREATION
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OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON THE USE OF NUCLEAR
POWER SOURCES IN SPACE. PREFERABLY THE GROUP WOULD
FUNCTION AS A WORKING GROUP OF THE S AND T SUBCOMMITTEE.
WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD ALLOW TIMELY,
OBJECTIVE AND COMPETENT REVIEW OF NUCLEAR-POWER-SOURCES-
IN-SPACE PROBLEM BY TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED

PERSONNEL. STUDY GROUP WOULD BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH
FACTUAL DATA BASE WHICH COULD BE USED BY LSC AND OSC
IN CONSIDERATION OF A POSSIBLE REGULATORY REGIME.

2. SECRETARIAT STUDY GROUP PROPOSED BY SWEDEN WOULD NOT
(UNLESS SUPPLEMENTED BY U.S. AND SOVIET EXPERTS) MEET
THE NEED FOR PERSONNEL TECHNICALLY EXPERIENCED IN OUTER
SPACE ACTIVITIES, ACCOMPLISH NONE OF OBJECTIVES OUTLINED
PARA 1, AND SERVE ONLY TO MEET SWEDISH NEED TO SHOW
"RESULTS" AT CURRENT STSC MEETING.

3. DEL SHOULD THEREFORE OPPOSE FORMATION OF
SECRETARIAT STUDY GROUP AND INSTEAD CONTINUE TO
ENCOURAGE FORMATION OF STSC TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP.
IF PRESSED BY SWEDES AND OTHERS EAGER FOR FAST ACTION,
U.S. DEL MIGHT SUGGEST THAT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
COULD BEGIN DELIBERATIONS IN TIME TO HAVE PRELIMINARY
REPORT READY FOR CONSIDERATION BY OSC MEETING JUNE 26.

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